

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in the back of the seat in front of you, or at www.firstparishyork.net.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building, which is accessed by stairs in the foyer. Wheelchair accessible restrooms can be found across the drive in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

Nursery Care: *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show you what those markings look like.

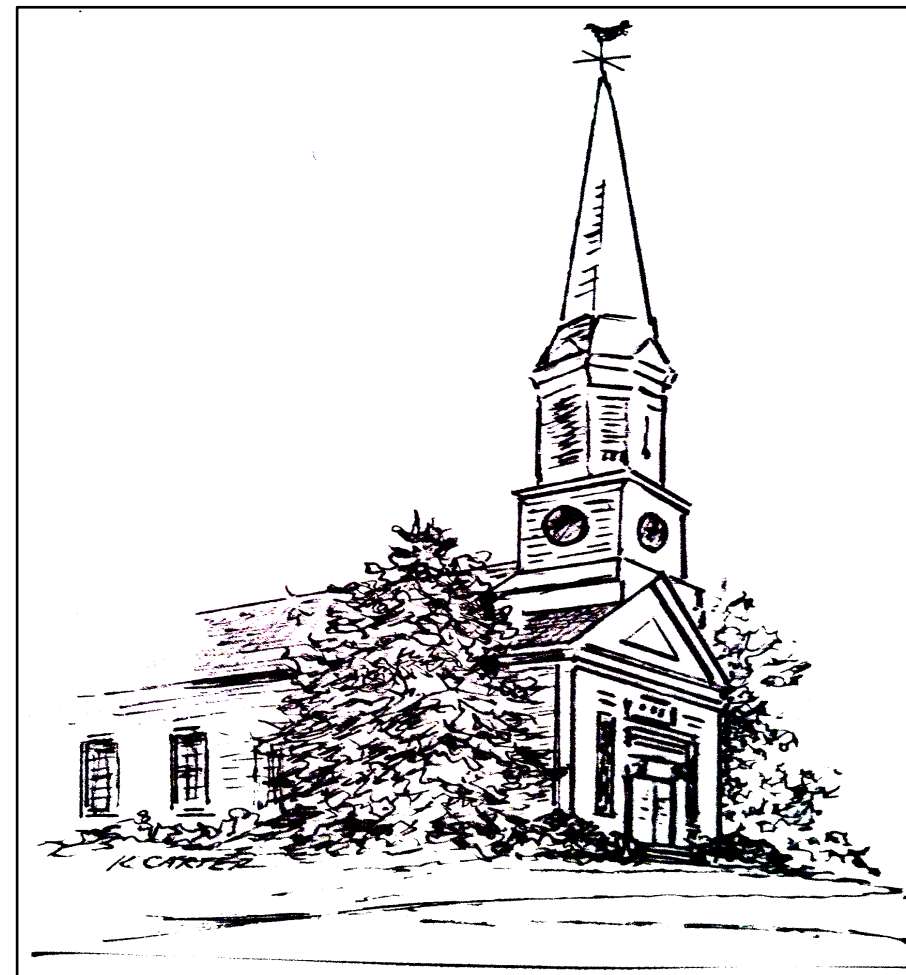
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

Sunday School: During the school year, anyone age 4 through 8th grade is welcome to attend Sunday School. We ask that parents/guardians fill out a registration form on the first visit; our Deacons will be happy to connect you with someone from Sunday School before the children make their way outside. Partway through Sunday services, children are invited to meet with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers will make their way to the Fellowship Hall to take part in fun and faith-based activities centered around a theme from the Bible. (Family members are always welcome to attend Sunday School if you wish!) After worship is over, families can go across the drive to sign out their children with the teachers. Sunday School is free of charge.

**No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are On Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here!**

We covenant with God and with one another as members of First Parish Church to be an Open and Affirming Church. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person created in the image of God. We are one body with many members: people of every age, marital status, family structure, faith background, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, racial and cultural identity, and socio-economic status. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we invite all into the full life, ministry, and sacraments of the church. We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's message of unconditional love.

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**First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

“This is the day that the lord made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

**Indicates a time when you are invited to stand if you choose.*

Two Hymn Settings

Rev. Dan Hollis

Shawn McCartee

Rev. Eric Dupee

Flowers are given in memory of beloved family and friends by Kim and Mel Clauson.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 24th	10am Worship
	11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Monday, September 25th	8:30am Shake It Up
	6:30pm Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 26th	8:30am Yoga
Wednesday, September 27th	8am Strength Training
	9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
	7pm Faith 101
Thursday, September 28th	8am Zumba
	5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
	7pm Sanctuary Choir
Friday, September 29th	8am Aerobics
	6pm Youth Group-grades 5-8
Sunday, October 1st	10am Worship
	11am York Ready for Climate Action Presentation
	11:30am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	3pm Youth Group-grades 9-12

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dan Hollis

Rev. Eric Dupee

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

John Covino, Moderator

Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk



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Sign Up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAF23A6F85-2023#/>

Faith 101: Faith Formation for Adults: Wednesdays at 7pm. Get to know your faith better with these one-month classes led by Pastor Dan. This year there will be four self-contained units to choose from, each with a start and end date. Choose the units that work best for you, or come to them all!

Get to Know Your Bible (September-October) September 27, October 4, October 11

Get to Know God (October-November)

Get to Know Christ (January-February)

Get to Know Church (April-May)

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Inquirers Series: Visitors and guest are invited to two Inquirers Coffee and Conversations information sessions on October 8 from 11am-12noon or October 15 from 8:30am-9:30am. Contact the Parish office at office@firstparishyork.net or 207-363-3758 to RSVP.

First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive: October 4 from 10am-11am. The pantry's wish list includes baked beans, Knorr pasta and sides, white tuna, and Progresso soups. The pantry will be happy with other nonperishable food items and is always grateful for monetary contributions. Please make checks payable to YCSA Food Pantry. We will need a couple of folks to help on October 4, maybe that's YOU! More info?

Linda Drew p.l.drew79@me.com or 207-351-8141.

Green Tip/News: Toby Kiers, professor of evolutionary biology at Amsterdam's Vrije Universiteit whose research on fungi has led her to revelations about how nature itself can help solve the climate crisis. She is looking beyond the astonishing diversity of mushrooms we see growing above ground to the hidden systems we overlook: fungal webs that spread throughout the soil and nourish the roots of trees and plants. An article in Current Biology reveals that a group of fungi known as mycorrhizae draw down and store more than 13 million tons of CO₂ annually. That's nearly the annual greenhouse gas output of China AND the US combined. Current Biology/CellPress/Kiers



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